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LETTER DATED 8 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I would like to draw your attention to some recent developments relating to the situation in Cambodia.

You will recall that His Royal Highness Prince Norodom Sihanouk convened a meeting of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia (SNC) in Pattaya, from 24-26 June 1991 (A/46/271-S/22740). The Co-Chairmen of the Paris Conference on Cambodia (PCC) and my Special Representative, Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed, were invited to attend as observers. At that meeting, a number of important decisions were taken. In particular, the SNC unanimously agreed to an immediate and unlimited cease-fire and to undertake to stop receiving outside military assistance.

You will further recall that, on 16-17 July, an informal meeting of the SNC was convened in Beijing by Prince Sihanouk (A/46/310-S/22808). The Co-Chairmen of the PCC and my Special Representative again participated as observers. At that meeting, the SNC unanimously elected Prince Sihanouk to be its President. The SNC also reiterated its acceptance of the 28 August 1990 Framework for a Comprehensive Political Settlement of the Cambodia Conflict (A/45/472-S/21689), in its entirety. In that connection, the SNC unanimously decided to request the United Nations to dispatch a survey team to Cambodia.

I have the honour to inform you that, in a letter dated 16 July addressed to me by Prince Sihanouk on behalf of the SNC, it is stated that the SNC

> "has decided to request the United Nations to send a survey mission in order to evaluate the modalities of control and an appropriate number of United Nations personnel to control the cease-fire and the cessation of foreign military aids in cooperation with the SNC Military Working Group."

On 17-18 July, a meeting of the Co-Chairmen of the PCC and the five permanent members of the Security Council was held in Beijing, in the presence of my Special Representative (A/46/340-S/22889). The final communiqué of that meeting, addressing the results of the two recent SNC meetings, stated that

"The Five and Indonesia welcome the decision of the SNC to implement an unlimited cease-fire. They also welcome its decision to stop receiving foreign military assistance, will respect this decision themselves and call upon all concerned countries to do likewise. The Five and Indonesia also express the hope that the countries neighbouring Cambodia will prohibit the delivery of military equipment to any of the Cambodian parties from their territory. They also reiterate that the withdrawal of foreign military forces, the cease-fire and the cessation of outside military assistance must be effectively verified and supervised by the United Nations.

"To that end, they welcome the proposal made by the SNC that a United Nations survey mission should be sent to Cambodia. They agreed to recommend the dispatch of such a mission. The mission would begin the process of preparing for the military aspects of UNTAC and could consider how the Secretary-General of the United Nations can use his good offices to help maintain the unlimited informal cease-fire now in effect."

I wish to inform you that it is my intention to proceed with the necessary arrangements for the dispatch of a survey mission to Cambodia as soon as possible.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ de CUELLAR